



southern california dx club

March 2004



CO0US DXpedition to Cuba was the program for February. Pictured are Dan Dankert, N6PEQ; Chip Margelli, K7JA; and Bill Sholz, W1HIJ

Soap Box— Words from our President



To start, we are all saddened to hear of the passing of Art, W6EA.

Carl and I are officially the proud owners of our house now and we have moved in. YEAH! Larry, K6YUI came by and helped put in a telephone line and discussed different ideas for putting together the Ham Shack

with Carl and I. Looking forward to putting up the tower and getting the shack in working order. Radio and Amp are in and hopefully soon we will put in the coax and hear the sweet sound of CQ CQ and work a couple of stations.

Looks like we are going to have a great time in Visalia. Our new program chair, Mike Fulcher, KC7V, has come up with some nice programs, it's too early to announce them all, but watch the webpage start lighting up. Vendors are starting to respond to Herbs diligence on coming and visiting with us and introduce their new products (hopefully ICOM will bring us a sample of the 7800).

We have 3 club members out on DXpeditions: Banaba Island T33C, Will, K6ND Apr 4 - 16; FO0 Clipperton, Bob, N6OX (TBA); and 3B, John, N7CQQ with the 5 Star DX Group, Mar 18 - Apr 14. You should be able to hear them during the CQ WW SSB WPX Contest. That's if you don't work em on everything prior to that date) HI HI. This is what DX IS! Hope to see them in Visalia as presenters too!

Don't forget to get your nominations in for DXer of the Year Award and for you newcomers Rookie of the Year (Clipperton) award. If you have any questions or need help give me a call I am willing to help you. I needed help when I went for the Clipperton award.

See you at the meeting 73s and 88s Cathy, K6VC

de the Veep

Well yet another winter has almost gone by and I still don't have 5BDXCC on 40m or 75m. But some good progress was made and I'm over half-way there on 75m and two-thirds the way on 40m. So if I can get another good run or two at the contest station (K6YUI's) during a contest I should have least 40m taken care



By now we should all be in the middle of or just getting ready to work several DXpeditions including T33C and 3B9C. Both of which will have SCDXC members on the Trip. Will, K6ND will be headed for T33C and John, N7CQQ is going to 3B9C. Unfortunately as I write this Bob, N6OX's trip to FO/c is in doubt, but I know Bob is working on some other plans before he heads to 3Y0P in early 2005. I think I also heard a rumor or two about some IOTA operations by members as well.

We are entering the home stretch for Visalia and the committee is doing a great job. I heard that they should be making announcements soon on the programs, prizes and vendors. Keep an eye on the web site (www.scdxc.org/visalia) for updated information. There should be a planning meeting sometime in March and volunteers are always needed so keep an eye out for the meeting announcement also. The Saturday tour looks like it will be a really special time and I know that Dee, KC6TIO has put in a lot of work on the tour so it should be a lot of fun.

I'm sure most of you know the club recently lost a long time member, Steve, W6FRZ. I never met Steve but from what I'm told he was a great guy. Jan, N6AW has been kind enough to handle sell-

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Next General Meeting

The SCDXC meets the second Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be held March 11, 2004 at Syd Kronenthal Park in Culver City. The park is located 4 blocks west of La Cienega Blvd. and 2 blocks south of Washington Blvd. From the 10 Freeway exit La Cienega south to Washington Blvd. Turn right (west) 4 blocks to McManus Ave (it's La Cienega Ave to the right, McManus to the left). Turn left (south) 2 blocks to the Park. The street dead-ends at the parking lot. Please do not park in the school lot.

Skip, KJ6Y will present a program on his trip to Prince Edward Island, Canada to operate VY2TT in the CQWW contest last October.

Bubba's Spot

Hi all, its me.....Bubba. On the top of my list this month is a public "thank you" to Jim, N6DHz, for his help and direction on this secretary thing. It would appear my wife is right, I am trainable.



Rather than attend the February meeting, I went to Las Vegas and attended the Shot Show. I did lots of walking and looking and picked up new ideas and info. The best news is I brought home \$140 more than I left with. That made the trip better yet.

The Valentines meeting according to Jim: Bill Sholz, W1HIJ, did an excellent presentation on his CO0US trip to Cuba for field day. He is a great guy and I'm sorry I missed an exciting program. I am sure I'll get a chance to see it soon. I understand we had one new member at the meeting, David LaBat, NN6AA. Welcome David and I hope to meet you at the meeting in March. It is nice to see that the club is growing.

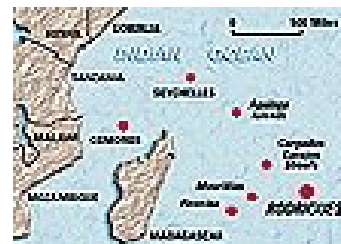
The raffle, according to Jim: The big winner, Wayne, W6IRD won the Heil Proset. Thanks to Dale, KB7UB (HRO Anaheim) who donated several prizes for the raffle and to HRO for their continued support. The nice gift certificate for the ladies was won by Karen Rosenberg (KG6OK's XYL). Vlad, AC4LN/UA4WHX donated his antenna to the person who made the most contacts with him. Congrats to Ed Warren, K6RD, who made contact with Vlad from 13 different locations. After over 80,000+ contacts I hope there is a little magic left in the compact antenna.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting.

73 DE Bob, W6ZPL

Dxpedition to Rodriguez Island (AF-017) March, 2004

SCDXC member, N7CQQ (John Kennon) and Pat Hess (NK7C) of Boulder City, Nevada will participate in the Five Star DX Associations expedition. Pat and John also operate the Area 51 Contest Club in Nevada. This expedition details will be found on www.fsdxa.com/3b9c. This is John's second expedition with the FSDXA the first being Comoros D68C and Pat's FIRST international expedition. Unlike John's other expeditions to Clipperton (FO0CI 92' and FO0AAA 00' and San Felix Island XR0X in 02') he and Pat will be enjoying air conditioned lodging at the Cotton Bay Hotel.



www.rodriguez-island.org/cottonBay.html

Operations will begin on March 20 and continue until April 13 with 10 to 15 complete stations operating from the island around the clock. Not a difficult task given the 31 operators.

3B9C will have up to fifteen high-power HF stations active simultaneously when band conditions allow. Activities will encompass SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK31 and, as appropriate, FM. There will also be satellite activity and possible EME. Large Monoband antennas will be used on all bands, including a full-size two-element Yagi for 30m. There will be capability for working simultaneously on more than one mode on 10, 15, 20 and 80 meters when these bands are open. On LF we will use two phased pairs of Titanex verticals on 80m, one pair for CW and one for SSB. 40m will rely on our tried and tested 4-square array. 160m operation will utilize the well-known Titanex verticals, with various loops and Beverages for receive. Yaesu have kindly agreed to be Principal Sponsor, and will be providing ten complete state-of-art stations consisting of FT-1000MP MkV Field transceivers and Quadra VL-1000 linears.

N7CQQ and NK7C will be departing Rodriguez Island on April 2, midway through the operation, to return home. Be sure to check the cluster for up to date information on the operation. Pat and John will be giving a talk at Visalia this year.

Propagation March 2004

by Shel, W6EL



These predictions for the five prime HF bands show the times when propagation is expected to be best from Los Angeles to several locations that are expected to be active during the coming month.

Other times are possible, but with weaker signals or lower probability. Openings are not expected on bands that are not listed. A solar flux of 107, corresponding to a sunspot number of 54, and an average geomagnetic field are assumed. Sunrise/sunset times are at the DX location. All times are UTC.

Good luck and good DX from Shel, W6EL.

9M2 West Malaysia - 3/4 to 3/7 -
Beam 307 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 3/6) 2315/1122
40: 1200-1430.
20: 1530-1700. Long path 2330-0130.
15: 1700-1900 and 2300-0400.
10: 2330-0100.

XU Cambodia - 3/1 to 3/12 -
Beam 310 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 3/7) 2315/1107
80: Around 1330.
40: 1130-1430.
20: 1530-1630. Long path around 0030.
15: 1700-1800 and 2300-0330.
10: 0000-0030.

VK9N Norfolk Island - 3/1 to 3/14 -
Beam 237 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 3/8) 1849/0709

80: 0930-1330.
40: 0730-1430.
20: 0530-1300 and 1430-1530.
15: 0100-0500 and 1830-2000.
10: 2000-0300.

CT3 Madeira Islands - 3/4 to 3/18 -
Beam 57 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 3/11) 0726/1908
80: 0400-0630.
40: 0200-0730.
20: 2330-0400.
15: 1530-2200.

8Q Maldives - 3/4 to 3/20 -
Beam 342 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 3/12) 0119/1317
20: 1500-1600. Long path 0100-0230.
15: 1700-2130.

A3 Tonga - 3/3 to 3/29 -
Beam 234 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 3/16) 1745/0549
80: 0730-1400.
40: 0530-1430.
20: 0330-1230 and around 1430.
15: 1730-0500.

DXCC Honor Roll deadline March 31st

Remember the deadline for the next DXCC Honor Roll list is March 31, 2003. For operators to appear in the next list, your application must be post-marked by that date.

The DXCC Honor Roll list includes only current entities; deleted entities do not count toward Honor Roll. With the addition of Ducie Island in 2002, the minimum number of entities required for Honor Roll is 326. For Number One Honor Roll, the total is 335 current entities.

Plaques remain available for anyone currently or previously on the Honor Roll. Order forms are available on the DXCC Web Page site <<http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>>

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Steve's Corner

History

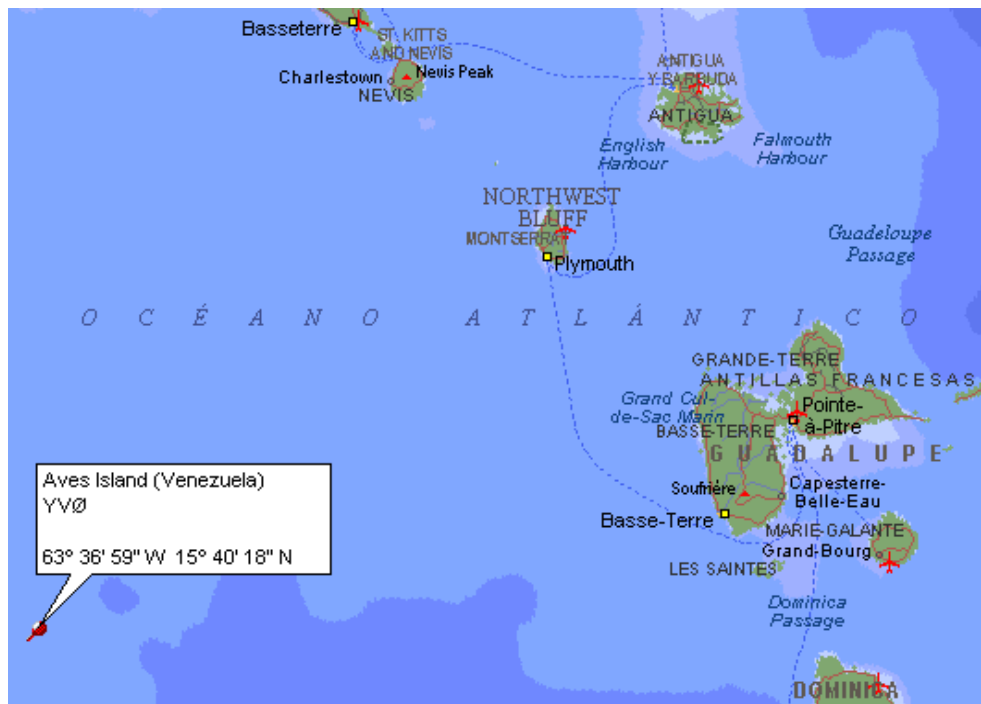
Aves Island is located due west of Dominica (J7) and Guadalupe (FG) in the Caribbean Sea, about 600 km north of mainland Venezuela. The highest point on the island is only 2m above sea level. Descriptions of the island's size vary. My research for this article found an early reference at 580m by 150m. A more recent estimate is 150m by 30m, lending credence to the notion that Aves is slowly disappearing into the sea. The birds on Isla de Aves (not to be confused with Las Aves Islands, YV5) are mostly seagulls and cormorants. The Atlantic Green

Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) is another island resident. They nest by digging a hole at night for their eggs. Killed for their meat, skin and shells, they are considered endangered.

The island was claimed by Venezuela in 1865. On August 23, 1972 it was declared a wildlife sanctuary. In 1978 the Venezuelan Navy established a garrison at the Simon Bolivar Scientific-Military Base. Aves is not without politics. Dominica has a claim to the island and the Venezuelan government has established a controversial economic zone around it.

Aves is of course a separate DXCC entity. For IOTA it's NA020 and its locator is FK8ØNQ. Aves was first acti-

Isla de Aves – YVØ



vated in 1956 as YVØAA. While sailing the YASME II, DX pioneer Danny Weil (SK), VP2VB, stopped on Aves in 1958 for the second ever activation of this isolated spot. Here's what the first YVØAA card looks like:

As a nature reserve, any stay on the island requires a special permit from the Venezuelan Military authorities who work only with the YV radio clubs. Venezuelan law specifically states that amateur licenses for Aves can be issued only to YV hams. Since 1956, two major clubs from YV have been alternating as sponsors while operating from Aves Island. They are the Radio Club Venezolano (RCV) and the Asociación de Radioaficionados de Venezuela (ARV).

All of the fifteen Aves operations to date are **Steve's Corner**

shown on the list. I've checked with the DXCC desk. The good news is that all of these operations count except for the two from YV8AL/Ø by a non-YV amateur.

#	Date	Callsign
1	17 – 24 June 1956	YVØAA
2	11 – 12 July 1958	YVØAB
3	5 – 15 January 1962	YVØAA
4	8 – 10 November 1963	YVØAA
5	4 – 6 February 1967	YVØAA

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W6EA SK

It is with great sadness that we have to report that Art Enockson, W6EA passed away February 29th.

Art was first licensed in 1934 as W6MUB. He had all 335 current and a total of 389 DXCC entities confirmed. Art was a charter member of the Southern California DX Club and was present at the very first meeting in 1947, and is the only three time past president of the SCDXC. He has been to virtually all of the International DX Conventions in the last 54 years and was a regular at club meetings. Art was a true original and will be greatly missed.

A short article about Art appears on the SCDXC web site at: <http://www.scdxc.org/w6ea.html>



P r e s s R e l e a s e C L I P P E R T O N D X p e d i t i o n

The DXpedition to Clipperton Island that was set for March 2004 has been rescheduled for April 2004. We have arranged transportation on another boat leaving on or about April 10th providing we can get more operators. We are looking for additional operators to join the original 7 operators to make 12 to 14. The license and landing permission is in hand. We will have 5 full time stations running so there will be plenty of operation time for all. The team will place special emphasis for Europe and the Low bands. If you would like to join the team please contact Dave K4SV at K4SV2@Charter.net for more information.

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De the Veep

ing Steve's equipment and a full list of the equipment and Jan's e-mail can be found on the web at www.scdxc.org/w6frz.html.

The deadline for the DXer of the Year and Clipperton awards is March 15, 2004. The DXer of the year should be someone who besides being a club member and active DXer is also involved in amateur radio in general and the community. The Clipperton award is our rookie of the year award. If you have joined the club in the last year all you need to do is submit a total of confirmed DXCC entities for any to get this award. The web site has the complete criteria/rules and you can submit you nconsecutive 12 month period that includes the month you joined the club. If your total is the highest submitted you not only get the award, but also get to standup in front of the entire audience on Saturday night and accept it in Visalia. I can tell you from personal experience that it is a thrill and honor nomination/application to any board member.

The webmaster asked me to mention that he is looking for historical items, articles, and photos for the history pages on the web site. If you have something or would like to write something about the history of the club or your experiences with the club please e-mail the webmaster at webmaster@scdxc.org.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate member Andy Teterokov, EU7SA for being awarded 5BWAZ certificate number 1372 completing all 200 zones.

The March meeting will feature our own Skip, KJ6Y on his trip Prince Edward Island, Canada to operate VY2TT in the CQWW contest last October.

73 DE Jim, N6DHz

AWARDS

Nominations for the SCDXC DXer of the Year and the Clipperton Award must be sent to the board NOW! These awards will be presented at the DX Convention in Visalia in March.

Check out the requirements on the club webpage. You may submit your nomination using email.

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6	2 – 4 May 1970 YVØAI
7	9 – 12 January 1973 YVØAA
8	31 July – 20 August 1974 YV8AL/
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9	August / September 1975 YV8AL/
Ø	
10	28 April – 1 May 1979 YVØAA
11	29 February – 3 March 1984 YVØAA
12	18 – 25 March 1987 4MØARV
13	12 – 16 April 1990 YVØAA
14	28 February – 2 March 1992 YXØAI
15	20 – 26 July 1994 YWØRCV

The 1992 YXØAI operation netted 50K QSOs. The most recent, YWØRCV, ran 26K Qs. The bad news is that was ten years ago. Consequently, there is a large pent up demand for YVØ, especially on the WARC bands.

"Pileups" coming to a frequency on your receiver soon!

2004 marks RCV's 70th anniversary. In celebration, they've announced plans to operate from Aves, which ranks tenth on both the 2002 and 2003 DX Magazine's Most Wanted List. Activity is slated for all bands and modes. The callsign has yet to be announced. Originally scheduled for January or February, it's been delayed until late February or March.

Aves is a bag shot for North America. Europe also has an easy shot because the path is non-polar. But it's difficult for JA, so don't be surprised when they standby, and rightly so, for our fellow DXers on the west side of the pacific rim.

Hopefully they've been QRV by the time you read this. See you in the pileups, especially on 30, 17 and 12.....

73, Steve WB6RSE

W6DH SK

W6DH, Dr. Robert "Bob" Godwin, passed away in late December, reports W6GYM, Paul. Bob was a long time member of the Southern California DX Club and very long time friend of W6AM, Don Wallace. Our condolences to Bob's wife Marjory.

G'day, Harv...

While looking for something else, I came across the September 1981 issue of Key Klix - the bulletin of the Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club. Noel Novinson, N6DQC, had an occasional column called "Continuing Education". The September it had the sub-heading of "Or More Abbreviations your Elmer Never Taught you" - with a list of abbreviated goodbyes which follows:

68 - Downright terrible regards
 69 - Poor regards
 70 - Mediocre regards
 71 - Good regards
 72 - Better regards (later hijacked by the QRP clan to mean Best QRP regards!)
 73 - Best regards
 74 - Great, superior, and wonderful regards
 75 - I'm speechless!

5.5 - a fleeting smile
 11 - a sincere handshake
 22 - a firm pat on the back
 44 - Only a hug since I don't kiss on the first QSO
 88 - Love & kisses
 161AA - Best regards and/or love & kisses, As Appropriate (apologies to

the FOC)

176 - Love, kisses, and heavy petting
 352 - My shack or yours
 704 - Part 97 prohibits further description

There Harv - yours to use or not - with attribution to N6DQC where-ever he may be.

74 de Pete, W6ZH (C U at Visalia!)

PLAYING GOLF

Don't forget to check with Don Bostrom

CONVENTION TOUR

You can sign up for the Saturday tour on the convention registration form or if you have already registered but have decided you can't miss this great tour you can contact Don Bostrom at n6ic@scdxc.org

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Your registration will also include a ticket to the US Tower Lunch on Saturday.

Don't forget to bring the YL's, we are planning a great "Saturday Tour".

Get your reservations in early, so you can participate in the pre-registration drawing for the super prize. Pre-registrations must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2004.

Day Passes: Available at the Convention registration area. Hams and Students 21 and under free. Please show your ID and receive a free Day Pass Only.

Theme This Year is: Hawaii Days

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Convention Shirts This Year

New look in the convention shirt...Polo shirt good quality, a collar, embroidered logo above the pocket. Color of the shirt will be a tan / beige. This year we will not be putting on call signs or names. If you wish to order one separately with these items on the shirt, we will have order forms available at the convention. You may order your shirt with your Pre-registration before March 15, 2004.

Golf Tournament on Friday

(Contact Don Bostrom: dbostrom@pacbell.net)

"The Saturday Tour"

Contact Dee Montano: kc6tio@dxer.com & Kristin

Dankert: k6peq@dxer.com

Tour will be Saturday April 24 from 9:00 to 3:30 for more information please keep checking our website:

www.scdxc.org/visalia

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"The Saturday Tour"

(April 24, 2004): \$20.00 per person Total \$ _____

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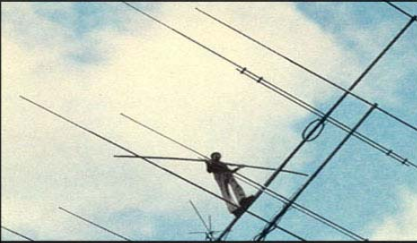
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ESTATE SALE W6RFZ

I'm sure most of you know the club recently lost a long time member, Steve, W6FRZ. Jan, N6AW has been kind enough to handle selling Steve's equipment and a full list of the equipment and Jan's e-mail can be found on the web at <http://www.scdxc.org/w6frz.html>.

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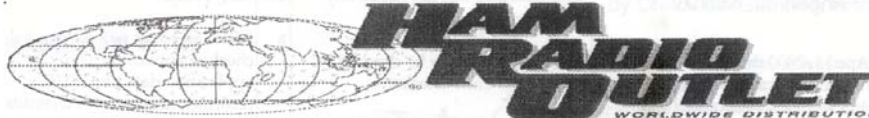
DXer's say "Two Thumbs Up."

Mom says, "Take out the trash."

Shack-on-a-belt types say, "What's Visalia?"



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